

By the Kings Maiesties Commissioners, for granting free VVarrens, and other things of that nature.



HE K I N G S most excellent Maiestie, tendering the quiet, ease, and contentment of his louing Subiects: A N D for the better preseruation of each mans Game of all sorts in their owne lands and possessions, from common hunters, Potchers and the like: which his Maiestie vnderstanding diuers of his Subiects are desirous of, hath beene gratisly pleased to graunt his Commission vnder his great Seal of England, directed to some of his learned Counsel and others, whose names are subscribed, or compounding and agreeing with all such as will compound for free and Charter Warren, to be granted to them and their Heires vnder the great Seal of England: A N D for erecting Parkes and Warrens, in each mans seuerall possessions: A N D for renewing Charters and Grants of that nature, with diuers other benefits, & more ample priuiledges, and speedy remedies by his Maiesties said Grant, so to be obtained, against such inconueniences of Hunters and Potchers, more then the common or Statute Lawes, without the helpe of his Maiesties grant, can yeeld and afford: For Warrens or Parkes are not to be holden or erected but by Charter or Prescription, as by the said Commission may appeare.

The Command and commoditie of the priuiledge of Chartr'd grounds, and Warrens,
grounded upon lawe and experience.

- 1 **I**T doth enfranchise the land, by giving an interest in the game to the owner of the ground, excludeth all strangers, who otherwise without the Kings grant haue as much interest therein as the owner: neither will any action lye against a man for taking or killing his game, or recovery be had without the Kings grant.
- 2 **I**t hath great immuniti.es and freedomes, whereof other grounds are destitute. s. Eliza. R. aſt 43.
- 3 **T**he trespasser shall incurre the painement mentioned in the Kings grant, which other Warrens want.
- 4 **W**arren ground is not subiect to the Statute made against the conuersion of tillage, into pasture: whereby an arable ground ouerworne and barrened by corne, may so be imploied to greater benefit, till it be fruitlefull for corne againe.
- 5 **T**respassers shall incurre unpisdonement for thre yeres, and make fine and ransome, and put in sureties not to offend againe, and the finall punishment is abiuration.
- 6 **T**he garden of wards that destroys or annoies such groundes, shall be punished in wast.
- 7 **T**he delinquent incurreth the danger of the Statute lawes, and the penalty of the Kings Charter and common lawes.

The Commoditie.

- 1 **I**T is good to all persons and grieuance to none.
- 2 **T**hey be subiect to a ſute by Quo Warranto, that keepe and maintaine Warrens without the Kings graunt.
- 3 **T**he newe Patentie hath full power to punish Potchers and petty hunters.
- 4 **T**he barren and wast groundes may be won to be fertill, and gained to be ſeuerall and good.
- 5 **T**his kinde of ground will be made fit for Tillage, and fruitlefull for corne.
- 6 **T**he Merchant ſhall be furnished with fures for cold Countries, to the maintenance of Warriours and ſhipping.
- 7 **T**he increafe of Conies, in many barren wast groundes will be ſo great, that it will in thole places keepe downe the price of victuals.
- 8 **T**he feare of thole punishments, hereby to be inflicted, will beate downe Idlenesse the roote and caufe of mischiefes.
- 9 **I**t wil be an occation to preſerue mens hedges, corne, and ſheepe, more ſafe from petty hunters, Potchers, &c.

The charge of paſſing this graunt vnder the Seal, ſhall not be great, as in other Lales.

The Office hereof is kept at Sir Henry Bretons house in Drury-Lane aboue Drury house, next to the ſigne of the Griffin, where you ſhall haue further ſatisfaction and direction herein.

The Commissioners for this Grant.

Sir Henry Verner, Knight, Attorney general. Sir Thomas Couentry, Knight, Solicitor. Sir John Townsend, Knight.

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